



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs

Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

MICHIGAN CITY SANITARY DISTRICT
South of Springland Avenue Small Sewer Replacement
SRF Project # WW 13 11 46 01

Date: May 13, 2013

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in the Michigan City Sanitary District's Preliminary Engineering Report will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

How were environmental issues considered?

The National Environmental Policy Act requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.

Why is additional environmental review not required?

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager
SRF Programs
317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **South of Springland Ave. Small Sewer Replacement**
Michigan City Sanitary District
1100 E. Eighth Street
Michigan City, IN 46360

SRF Project Number: WW13 11 46 01

Authorized Representative: Michael Kuss, General Manager

II. PROJECT LOCATION

Michigan City is located in LaPorte County in northeast Indiana. The South of Springland project is located in the alley between Springland Avenue and Fir Street, beginning approximately 75 feet west of Porter Street and ending approximately 95 feet west of Grace Street in Michigan Township, Michigan City West USGS 7.5' quadrangle, T38N, R4W, Section 28. See Figure 1. All work will occur within previously disturbed areas.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Existing undersized 4-inch and 6-inch sanitary sewers have contributed to sewer backups and are too small for the District to clean without subcontracting. The District will replace the sewers with approximately 705 feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer with four manholes.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

The as-bid cost of the project is \$218,439, including non-construction cost. 50 feet of 6-inch service lateral replacement at 419 and 423 Springland Avenue costing \$11,000 is not eligible for SRF funding. The District will pay for those lateral replacements using local funds and will finance the balance of the project with a 20-year loan from the SRF program at an interest rate to be determined at the time of loan closing. Monthly user rates and charges may need to be analyzed to determine if adjustments are required for loan repayment.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The project will not affect wetlands, wooded areas, floodplains or prime farmland. Construction and operation of the project will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties; see Figure 2. If any visual or audible impacts to historic properties occur, they will be temporary and will not alter the characteristics that qualify such properties for inclusion in or eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. The SRF's finding pursuant to the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, is: "no historic properties affected."

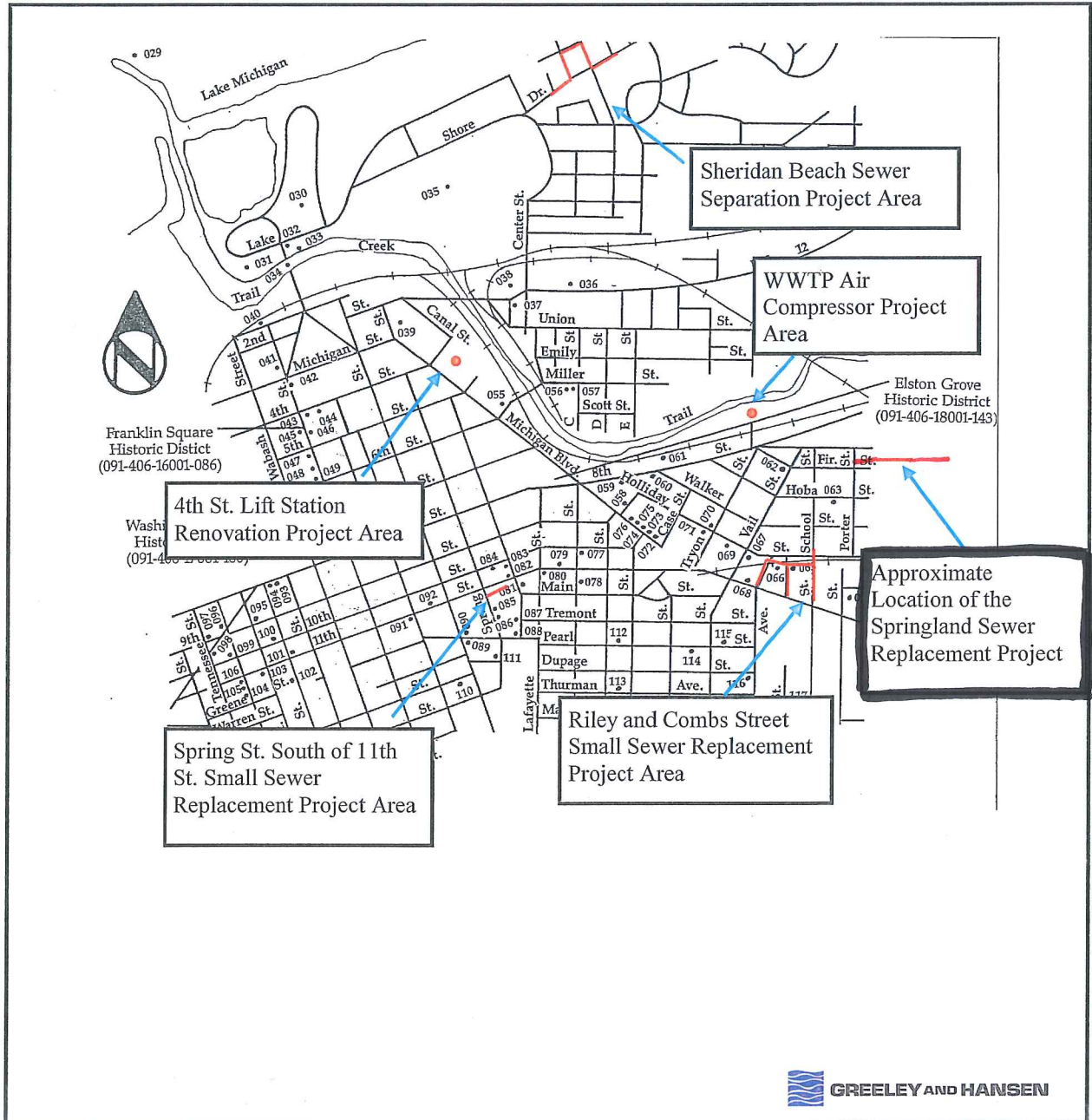
VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The proposed project was mentioned at a properly public noticed Public Hearing on December 19, 2012. Members of the public did not comment at the Hearing, and the District did not receive written comments in the 5-day post-Hearing period.



**Figure 1: South of
Springland Ave. Small
Sewer Replacement**

Michigan City Scattered Sites (091-406-21029-119)



**FIGURE 2: from LaPorte County Interim Report
 Historic Sites and Structures Inventory**